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MEDIA RELEASE

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Location of Incident: Kennewick, Washington

Type of Incident: Search Warrant Issued for Illegal Sports Board

On February 1, 2004, at approximately 4:45 p.m., agents of the Washington State Gambling Commission and members of the Kennewick Police Department served a search warrant for operation of an illegal sports board at the Sandstone Café located at 2 North Washington Street in Kennewick.

Approximately \$500 in cash and a sports board were seized during the execution of the warrant. This case involved a sports board where each square was originally sold for \$50, but because not all squares were taken, each person that purchased a square was assigned a second square at no additional charge, resulting in each square being worth \$25.

Sports boards are authorized under Washington State law and strict rules must be followed when conducting them. Requirements include that you may not charge more than one dollar per square.

Our agency's mission is to ensure gambling is legal and honest. This case involved violations of Washington state law and therefore, we are forwarding a case to the Benton County Prosecutor's office requesting charges for "Professional Gambling in the Second Degree" (violation of RCW 9.46.0335), be brought against persons involved in the illegal sports board.